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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Final Rejection dated February 9, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated April 25, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.